

## House Resolution No. 3380

**Whereas**, as the 2004-2005 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

**Whereas**, the Marshall School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on May 24, 2005, with the retirement of Betty Thomas who has devoted several years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

**Whereas**, Betty Thomas has taught for twenty-seven years at Marshall, where she is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

**Whereas**, prior to assuming her responsibilities at Marshall, Betty Thomas worked in the Nelson and Gilliam school districts, where she taught special reading and kindergarten through sixth grades and served as a Librarian and Principal; and

**Whereas**, Betty Thomas has watched her pupils grow, develop, and mature through the knowledge she has imparted to them both as a teacher and as a friend; and

**Whereas**, Betty Thomas has supported her profession as a member of the Community Teachers Association and has participated in the Reading Success Network summer school enrichment programs, and the Saturday Morning Reading Club; and

**Whereas**, Betty Thomas has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Clint Thomas; three children, Clark, Dennis, and Barbara Ann of Marshall; and one grandson:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join the Marshall School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Betty Thomas has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Betty Thomas, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Joe Aull  
District No. 26

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 3380, adopted May 16, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker